


Continuation Application Transmittal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and added claims 24–27. No new matter has been added. Applicants kindly request the favorable consideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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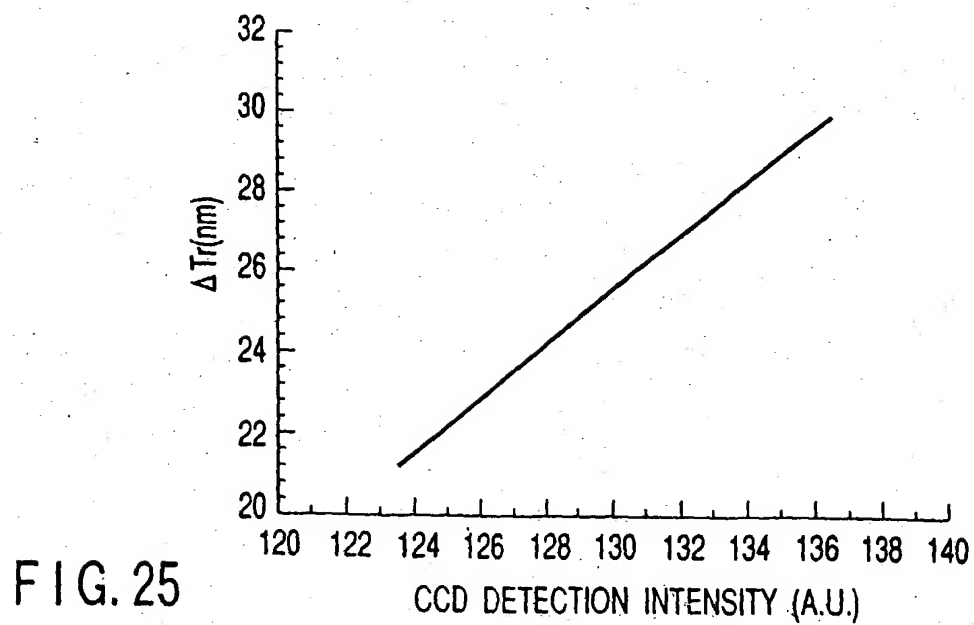
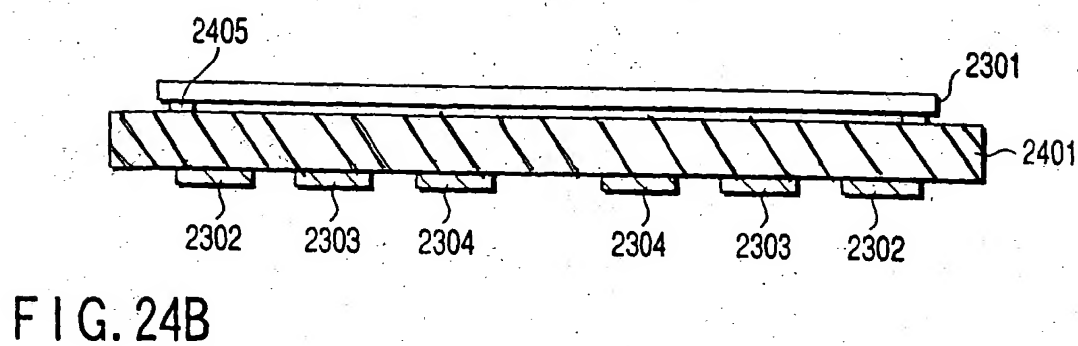
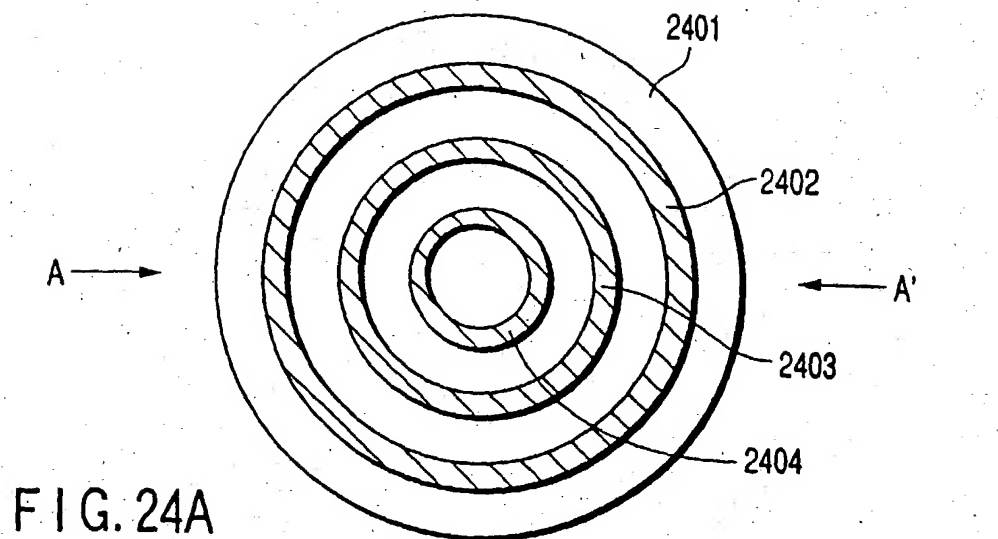
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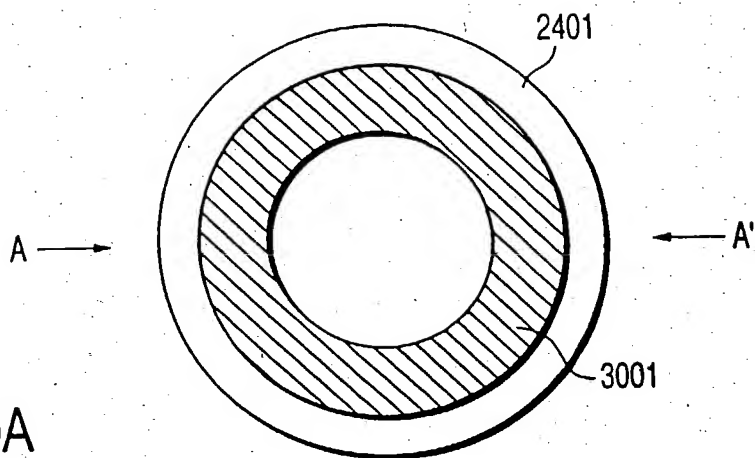


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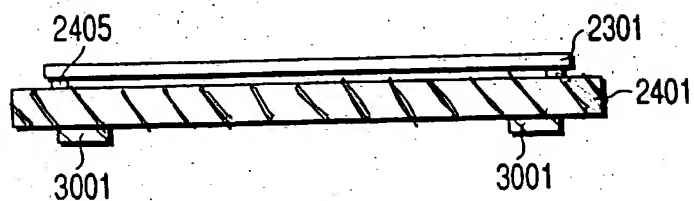


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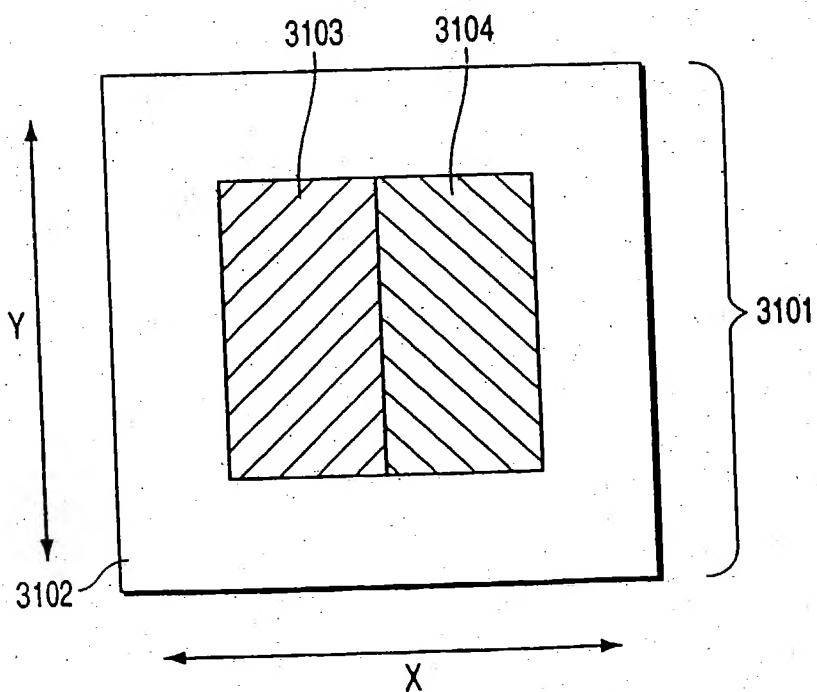


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